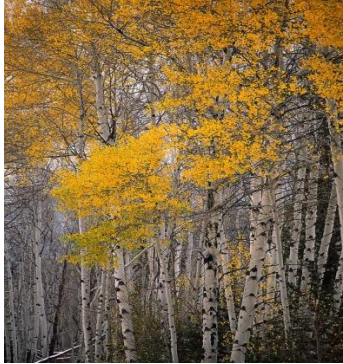


FALL IN THE GARDEN

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TREES AND SHRUBS

- Don't fertilize trees and shrubs now; they need to prepare for dormancy
- Do not prune trees or shrubs unless you have a broken branch, as pruning stimulates new growth, which can be killed off at this time of year
- Prune in early spring before leaf out. It is easier to see without leaves
- If your aspen had marssonina leaf spot this year or another fungal disease, be sure to clean up all the leaf debris from under your tree. The fungal spore can over-winter in leaves that are left and re-infect the tree in the spring
- After sprinklers have been turned off check trees and shrubs every three weeks to a month. If they are drying out and temperatures are above 40 degrees, water them



ROSES

- Do not prune or fertilize, so they can prepare for winter
- Mulch 6 inches or so up around the plant base after several heavy frosts



PLANTS AND FLOWERS

- **Don't forget to give your newly planted bulbs some water over the winter, if the weather is dry**
- **Scatter and sow wildflower seeds after Oct 31. Seeds need the cold temperatures of winter and the moisture of spring to germinate**
- **Leave ornamental grasses alone until March for winter interest**